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In re Application of Richards et al. :  
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 31, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

A final Office Action was mailed on September 22, 2005. Replies to the Office action were filed on November 22, 2005, and February 22, 2006. Neither reply prima facie placed the application in condition for allowance. Since a two-month extension of time was obtained, the application became abandoned February 23, 2006.

The instant petition requests revival of the application.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, the petition is granted and the application is revived.

Technology Center Art Unit 3634 will be informed of the instant decision and the application will be further examined in due course.

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